

NO LIMIT SET AS TO ANSWER FROM GERMANY

Sec'y Lansing Says There is Nothing to Report That President Wants Disavowal by Feb. 5.

PAYMENT "LEGAL DUTY" WILSON'S CONTENTION

German Embassy Expresses Opinion That Suggestions of Von Bernstorff Will be Followed.

International News Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—After refusing at first to discuss the report that the United States has demanded that Germany specifically disavow the sinking of the Lusitania not later than Feb. 5 next, Sec'y Lansing reconsidered his determination and specifically denied the report. He said:

"There is absolutely nothing to this story."

That was all that the secretary would say about the matter for publication, but he made it plain that he has not made any engagement to see Count von Bernstorff in the immediate future and probably will not do so until the latter hears from Berlin.

Waiting for Reply.

The administration, it was said, still is waiting for Germany's reply to the communication presented to Count von Bernstorff by Sec'y Lansing last Wednesday.

At that time, the secretary conveyed to the German ambassador the direct statement from President Wilson that the sinking of the Lusitania must be characterized by Germany as an illegal act under international law and at the same time emphatically rejected the German offer to pay an indemnity for the Americans who lost their lives "as an act of grace" instead of a "legal duty."

Count von Bernstorff conveyed this announcement to Berlin with a memorandum in which he stated that this was the "last word" of the United States and recommending in the strongest terms that his government accept the position of the United States.

No Response Yet.

At the German embassy today it was said that so far no response has been received by the ambassador and that none was looked for before next Tuesday at the earliest. There was no reason to doubt, it was said, that the suggestion of the ambassador that concessions to meet the views of President Wilson be made, would promptly be complied with, but the embassy is entirely without direct word of what is transpiring in Berlin. Officials in the absence of Count von Bernstorff were inclined to find a connection between the "received submarine crisis" and the preparedness campaign of President Wilson through the middle west which began in Pittsburgh today.

Sec'y Lansing declined to talk about the matter. He said that the conferences between himself and the German ambassador were of a confidential nature and that he could not "discuss speculative stories predicated on opinion rather than knowledge."

LUSITANIA NOTE REACHES BERLIN

International News Service.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 29.—Washington's demands for disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania are reported in a dispatch from Berlin to have been delivered to the German government on Friday morning and to have been informally discussed by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, Foreign Sec'y von Jagow, Ambassador Gerard and Count E. M. House, personal representative of President Wilson at a dinner given at the American embassy in Berlin last night.

"It is understood," says the dispatch, "that the arrival of Count House in Berlin was so timed that he would be able to make known to the German government the feeling in the United States over the Lusitania incident and also to clear up any point in the American note about which German officials might be in doubt."

The dispatch points out that disavowal of the sinking of the Lusitania would raise the point of whether Germany's entire submarine campaign was illegal and whether in the reckoning when peace is made Germany could be called upon to pay for every merchant ship it has destroyed. If so, the monetary compensation would be enormous as the Germans claim to have sunk more than 600 ships.

MONTENEGRIN PRINCE IS BELIEVED KILLED



PRINCE MIRKO.

\$10,000 ALIMONY ASKED FOR WIFE

Mrs. LeVine Rhodes Files Cross Complaint—"Other Woman" Introduced.

Serious charges are made by Mrs. LeVine Rhodes against her husband, Ezra Rhodes, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the LaSalle theater, in a divorce cross complaint filed in the superior court Saturday morning. Mr. Rhodes, petitioner, the court Friday for a divorce. His wife asks that the divorce be granted to her and that she be given \$10,000 alimony.

In his petition the husband simply made the general charge of "cruel and inhuman treatment" stating that he and his wife had been married from Oct. 30, 1913, until Nov. 23, 1915. Mrs. Rhodes, in her cross-complaint, says that when they were married her husband, unknown to her, had intimate relations with one Maude Harper, a young lady of "attractive personality and figure" living at Willshire, Ohio, and that he had transported her frequently from Willshire to Mishawaka and South Bend for visits with him.

Mrs. Rhodes says, further, that as soon as she and Mr. Rhodes were married he began to voice lamentations over the fact that he had lost his sweetheart by marrying her. She says that they took apartments at No. 218 W. Jefferson st. and that, while living there, the defendant often threatened to kill her. On Nov. 25, she says, she was induced to visit her mother at Dowagiac, Mich., and when she returned she found the correspondent, Maude Harper, in the Jefferson st. apartments. She says that at that time her husband assaulted her and soon afterward disowned her.

The cross-complaint further alleges that she and her husband agreed on a settlement by which he was to transfer to her the residence property at 747 Leland av., valued at \$5,000, was to give her \$1,000 on Oct. 1, 1916, and was to pay her \$750 a week until that time.

She says that, in addition to the ownership of the Leland av. property, her husband owned \$3,000 worth of receiver's shares in the Chicago, Bluffton & Cincinnati Railroad Co., and \$17,000 worth of shares in the LaSalle theater. She says that he has an income from two theaters. The cross-complaint is represented by Berth and Moon. The petitioner is represented by G. A. Farabaugh.

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TURKISH ARMY OF TWO CORPS IS BOTTLED UP

Petrograd Says Enemy is Falling Back Between Erzerum and Mush—Leave Arms Behind.

GERMANS ARE AGAIN ATTACKING ALLIES

Are Making Determined Effort to Capture Arras. Effect of Offensive is Being Localized.

International News Service.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—A Turkish army composed of two corps has been shut up in Erzerum, Armenia, by the Russians, according to unofficial dispatches from Petrograd today.

These dispatches disprove Friday's report that Erzerum had fallen. Between Erzerum and Mush the Turks are falling back in disorder, hotly pursued by the Russians. In northwestern Persia the Turks and their Kurdish allies fled so precipitately from their mountain positions that great quantities of arms, ammunition and provisions fell into the hands of the Russians.

International News Service.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Over a front 40 miles long in northern France the Germans are again attacking the allies at numerous points between Arras and the Belgian frontier.

Violent bombardments of the French lines north and south of Arras, and infantry attacks on the St. Nicholas-St. Laurant highway indicate that the Germans are making a determined effort to capture the city of Arras.

Farther to the north, on the Neuville-St. Vaast-Cuinchy line, the Germans are fighting to win back territory lost to the French and to lessen the danger of losing Lens. Lens is little more than a mass of ruins now, but it commands important roads which the Germans need for the supply of their army.

North and west of Lille the Germans are attacking the British positions with mines, artillery and infantry.

The effect of the German offensive in the north is being localized by the accuracy of the French and British artillery. Heavy losses have been inflicted upon the Teutonic forces.

It is believed by military experts that the attacks by the Germans will last some time longer as air scouts report big preparations.

International News Service.

ROME, Jan. 29.—Severe storms are raging in Albania and the Austria-Hungarian advance upon Durazzo has been delayed, according to reports received here today. In the meantime Austrian agents are reported to be trying to gain the friendship of Essad Pasha, leader of the Albanian nationalists, who has gathered large forces south of Durazzo.

SOUGHT GOV. WHITMAN

New York Police Are Now Seeking Mad Gunman.

International News Service.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 29.—That the mad gunman who shot four persons yesterday may have had designs on Gov. Whitman is the belief of Chief of Police Hyatt. Detective Bane was sent to the capitol today to investigate the appearance yesterday of a man who answers the description of the gunman the police are now seeking.

The gunman claimed a fifth victim today. Mary Schaub was accosted by the gunman. Later she found a bullet in her muff. She was not injured.

MADE HUSBAND A MAN SAYS ACCUSED WOMAN

International News Service.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 29.—"I made a man of my husband," was the final declaration in the witness box today of Mrs. Elizabeth Frances Mohr, defending herself against the charge that she hired men to kill Dr. Charles Franklin Mohr.

Mrs. Mohr was on the stand exactly three court days. She left the box more composed, more convinced than when she first was called. Not once did she come anywhere near a breakdown. Throughout, she was "the woman with the iron nerve," admitting not one of the allegations made against her by the witnesses for the prosecutions.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Orlander B. Jones, laborer; Abbie G. Bird.

TRYING TO RECONCILE FATHER AND MOTHER



VISCOUNTESS DE MAITSTONE.

LONDON.—Viscountess Maitstone known as the American beauty of London, who before her marriage took an active part in American social life as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel of Philadelphia, has tried in vain to bring about a reconciliation between her father and mother.

It is expected that Mrs. Drexel will receive her final decree in the near future.

GEN. JOFFRE IS SUPREME POWER

Will Have Complete Authority in Directing All Military Movements.

International News Service.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Supreme power for the direction of all military operations of the French army has been vested in Gen. Joseph Joffre, the commander-in-chief, and henceforth the war office will have no say whatsoever.

The foregoing announcement was made in the chamber of deputies by Premier Briand who said:

"The government will reserve supervision and political direction of the war, but the commander-in-chief alone will have control of all military operations."

That there has been friction between the commander-in-chief and the war office was indicated by Gen. Gallieni, minister of war, who, in answering a question by a deputy, said:

"Henceforth there will not be the slightest conflict between the war office and the chief commanding general."

PREPARING BIG GUN

Germans to Introduce It in the Spring Campaign.

International News Service.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 29.—Russian correspondents on the western front have sent word to Petrograd that the Germans are reported to be manufacturing a 22-inch gun for use in the spring campaign.

The biggest gun reported to have been used by any of the armies up to date is the famous Krupp 42-centimeter, whose shells measure 16 1/2 inches. However, A. J. Baldry, first lord of the admiralty in the British cabinet, recently announced that the English government is without any proof that such a gun as the 42-centimeter exists.

Latest in the News World

International News Service.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 29.—The city of Vilna, now held by the Germans is burning. Flames, set by Russian shells, have been raging for several days and it is understood that the Germans are preparing to evacuate that portion of the city which is still standing.

APPROVE BRANDEIS.

International News Service.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 29.—The United Mine Workers of America, in convention today commended President Wilson on his appointment of Louis D. Brandeis to the vacancy on the supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Lamar. The resolution was introduced by G. W. Smith, delegate from Kentucky, and was unanimously adopted.

TO CARRY GUNS.

International News Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The Italian liner, Verona, now in New York harbor, will be allowed to sail carrying guns mounted for defensive purposes. The state department notified the treasury department today. The Italian govern-

CROWDS GREET WILSON PARTY AT PITTSBURGH

Mrs. Wilson Chief Attraction and Most of the Cheering Was For Her—President is Pleased.

WORKS ON NOTE OF SPEECH UP TO NOON

Has Not Set Address and Will Speak From Notes—Will Speak at Cleveland Tonight.

International News Service.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 29.—President Wilson is not the chief attraction on his flying visit through the middle west to preach the doctrine of preparedness. That was plainly apparent when his party made its first stop here today.

It was Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the president's bride, who drew the crowd that greeted the party here. The president's train arrived at the Shady Side station at 9:31. A committee of prominent Pittsburgh citizens met the party and escorted the president, Mrs. Wilson, Sec'y Tamm and Dr. Cary T. Grayson to the hotel Schenly.

Crowds Line Street.

In spite of the fact that the station at which the president should arrive was kept secret, crowds lined the street all the way to the hotel and they cheered the president and Mrs. Wilson almost continuously. It was plainly to be seen that Mrs. Wilson held the attention of the crowd. The president seemed to realize that the cheers were more for Mrs. Wilson than himself and he enjoyed it. He smiled happily all the way, doffing his hat several times in response to the more vigorous outbursts of cheering.

It was Pittsburgh's first look at the new first lady of the land, and all Pittsburgh apparently was on hand to take advantage of it. Mrs. Wilson beamed happily on the crowd and nodded her head several times in acknowledgement of the applause.

Dine Privately.

The president and Mrs. Wilson were to dine privately at the hotel Schenly. A committee of prominent Pittsburgh women will escort Mrs. Wilson to Memorial hall, where the campaign will open his preparedness president will address the crowd on the second floor of the building. He will speak briefly at the second gathering.

The presidential party will leave Pittsburgh at 2:15 for Cleveland, where the president is to speak tonight.

The lobby of the Schenly hotel was filled with women anxious to greet Mrs. Wilson, but they were disappointed for shortly after 10:30 Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by Dr. Cary T. Grayson, slipped away and went for an automobile ride through Schenly park.

President Wilson retired to his room immediately upon his arrival at the hotel, to work on his speech. He had not fully determined upon his arrival here upon just what lines he would speak this afternoon, and continued work on his notes until noon. He will speak extemporaneously from his notes, no set speech having been prepared.

MARTIAL LAW.

International News Service.

GENEVA, Jan. 29.—Martial law has been declared at Lausanne as the result of anti-German riots. A battalion of the 123rd landwehr is patrolling the city.

President Coppet of the Swiss republic has gone to Lausanne to study the situation.

THREE KILLED.

International News Service.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—Three persons were killed in an automobile accident at Grantham near here early this morning when their machine was struck by a Philadelphia Reading train.

FIND MURDERERS.

International News Service.

ROME, Jan. 29.—Rome newspapers state today that the murderers of Joseph Petrosino, the American detective assassinated at Palermo on March 14, 1909, have been found. They say that the successful hunt was won by two American detectives who have been working on the case for nearly six years.

Parents Hope to Find Son



JAMES DOUGLAS GLASS.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—A new appeal, still hopeful and determined, is being made by Mrs. Ella Glass, through the newspapers to find her little boy, James Douglas Glass, whose disappearance rivals in mystery the famous Charley Ross case. The child will be five years old on Jan. 31, if he is still alive.

He vanished on May 12 of last year in broad daylight, from in front of the Faust farm at Greely, Pa., where his father and mother had gone for a vacation. The spot from which the boy disappeared is less than 500 feet from the postoffice. No trace has ever been found of the child. Last fall a child was discovered in Norman Okla., bearing a remarkable resemblance to the missing lad, but after the father and mother made a trip to Norman, they discovered that the child was not James.

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BANDITS BROUGHT FROM NEW YORK

Chicago Robbers Hired to Discredit "Clean-up" Move.

International News Service.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A special grand jury was ordered today to consider the confession of Eddie Mack, the young pickpocket, that he was the leader of the band of five bandits who held up and robbed the Washington Park National bank during business hours on Thursday.

Mack, in his confession, declared that he had brought his four companions here from New York, that they were put to work to discredit the authorities who are trying to "clean up" Chicago, and that certain policemen were to receive money for protecting them. He named the policemen but their identity was kept secret by the state's attorney's office.

With the capture of the five bandits, Mack, Harry Kramer, alias Brandt, known as "Little Polly," his brother, Charles Kramer, known as "Big Polly," Alexander Brodie and Benjamin Fein, alias Brown, the police also recovered \$13,200 in cash, Garland (Jake) Stahl, vice president of the bank, said that with the exception of a few dollars, this was all the money that was stolen.

ALLIED NATIONS TO BE ASSURED OF SUPPLIES

International News Service.

ROME, Jan. 29.—Baron Mayer Des Planches, former Italian ambassador to Washington, has been sent to London by the government to take up with the British officials economic matters of importance that are expected to have marked influence in gaining success for the entente allies in the war.

While it is stated that Des Planches' mission relates to food supplies, it is expected that while he is at the British capital he will make known Italy's attitude as to a blockade of Germany.

The London conference will be the first of a number that will make arrangements aimed to give all the entente countries sufficient food supplies. From London Baron Des Planches will go to Paris and there will confer with representatives of both France and Russia.

WATERS SWEEP OTAY VALLEY; FIFTY DROWN

Wall of Water Thirty Feet High Ploughs Path Over Area 15 Miles Long and Two Miles Wide.

REPORTS OF DAMAGE SENT BY WIRELESS

Eleven Million Gallons of Water Released When Dam Breaks—Property Loss is Million Dollars.

International News Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 29.—With a death list of at least 50 persons, scores missing and 25 farm houses swept away, the floods in the Otoy valley continued their devastating rampage today, according to advices received here from Los Angeles by wireless, the only remaining means of communication between here and southern California.

About half of the flood victims in this section were Japanese. They were swept in their deaths when the lower Otoy valley dam broke and a wall of water 30 feet high swept over an area 15 miles long and two miles wide.

A total of 11,000,000 gallons of water was released when the dam went out, and residents of the valley had no warning. Rescue parties organized to go into the flood-swept section were stopped by washed out bridges and streams that were swollen to such proportions that the launching of boats was impossible. A food famine was threatened, according to latest reports.

Loss is \$1,000,000.

Property loss in the Otoy valley will reach \$1,000,000. The radio station at Los Angeles reported another \$1,000,000 damage in the vicinity of Los Angeles and Elsinore. Rivers were out of their banks for the second time within less than two weeks, and residents of New Hope and Talbert were homeless. Several hundred persons were reported marooned at Muriet Springs and rescuers were unable to reach them.

The wireless reports stated that near San Diego several bodies had been seen floating on the surface of the flood waters and that the death list might exceed the coroner's estimate of 50.

UNDER WATER.

International News Service.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Jan. 29.—Green county, Illinois, was partially under water today following the breaking of the levee protecting the Hartwell drainage district. Forty-five feet of levee broke under the pressure of flood waters of the Illinois river.

FOUR KILLED IN FIRE

International News Service.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 29.—At least two persons were killed in a fire early today at Drumwright, Okla., a small oil town. The blaze started in a restaurant and spread to adjoining property. The property loss was estimated at \$100,000. The bodies of the two victims were removed from the ruins and firemen began searching for more dead as soon as the fire was under control.

ARKANSAS TOWN IS UNDER WATER

International News Service.

ARKANSAS CITY, Ark., Jan. 29.—Seven persons are dead, some of the streets of Watson, Ark., were under 15 feet of water, and thousands of acres of land in the rural district about that town were inundated today as the result of the floods. A family of six, including the father, mother and four children were drowned last night in Watson.

F. H. Fuller of Fort Wayne, Ind., an oil salesman, was drowned late yesterday when trying to ford the Cadron river. The man riding in the buggy with him, escaped. A rescue party reached here with 50 men, women and children who were taken from the roofs of houses and tree tops in the vicinity of Watson. At Bedford, 700 persons were being cared for, after they had fled safely from the flooded section.

Many of the families who reached the city were compelled to flee hurriedly when a section of the levee at Watson gave way and a wall of water 15 feet high rushed upon the town.

Conditions in this state along the Arkansas, White and St. Francis rivers were alarming today.